

ASSIGNING A TIER LEVEL TO A TOURNAMENT

Tier Level Requirements

Tier I: National Tournaments will require a Pickleball Canada (thereafter named PCO) sanction only (go to <https://www.pickleballcanada.org/sanctioning>).

Tier II: Large Provincial Tournaments which must have a minimum of 100 entries and at least 8 entries per event will require PCO sanction only.

Tier III: Average Tournaments which may be sanctioned by PCO **OR** PMI.

PCO sanction requirements: In deciding whether a tournament qualifies as a Tier III, PCO looks at both the number of entries and the number of entries per event. The PCO requirements for a Tier III are as follows:

- If under 100 entries, there must be an average of at least 7 entries per event
- If 100 or over entries, there must be an average of at least 6 entries per event
- If 200 or over entries, there must be an average of at least 5 entries per event.

PMI sanction requirements: PMI only requires that a tournament have at least 40 entries and 5 entries per event to be sanctioned as a Tier III.

Tier IV: Very small or new tournaments which may be sanctioned by PCO **OR** PMI.

PCO sanction requirements: Very Small or New Tournaments – The tournament must have at least 40 entries. Most new tournaments will be given a Tier IV rating until the number of entries and number of entries per event can be established upon the completion of the tournament.

PMI sanction requirements: Very small returning tournaments (with a minimum of 4 entries per event) or new tournaments.

Sanctioning Fees

Tier Level	PCO fee	PMI fee
I	\$125	-
II	\$100	-
III	\$75	\$40
IV	\$50	\$20

Entries and Entries Per Event

Each player in singles and each doubles team in doubles is considered 1 entry in calculating the *number of entries* in a tournament and the number of *entries per event*.

When an event is so large that all first round losers are moved into a “B” double elimination event, we count all the players in both groups as being entered in 1 event.

If two events are combined because of lack of entries, the resulting group is counted as 1 event.